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Naples, Dec. 20. *N. S.*

FOur of the biggeſt Men of War of Count *d'Eſtrees*'s Squadron, and one Fire-ſhip, continue at *Baya*, and the reſt are to come into this Port. The Galleys of *Naples* are arrived in ſight of this Place, having on board about 2000 Soldiers, which they have brought from *Catalonia*. It's ſaid, a ſtrong Garriſon will for the future be kept in this City to awe the Inhabitants, who ſeem to wait only for a good opportunity to declare for the Emperor. The Council of State of this Kingdom have met ſeveral times, to conſider how to reſtore the Credit of the Bank of the *Annunciata*, whoſe failure is like to ruine a great many Families, and they have begun with iſſuing out a Placart to call in all the Debts owing to the ſaid Bank, with the Intereſt. A Courier arrived here from *Spain* the 15th Inſtant, with a Commiſſion for the Duke of *Medina Celi* to be Preſident of the Council of the *Indies*, and he is accordingly preparing to return thither, ſo ſoon as the Duke of *Eſcalona* is arrived, who ſucceeds him as Vice-Roy of this Kingdom.

Rome, Dec. 24. Count *Felini*, the Duke of *Parma*'s Reſident, had Audience of the Pope this week, to acquaint him, that a Body of *French* Troops under the Command of the Sieur *Albergotti* had paſſed the *Po* at *Caſal-Majore*, and were enter'd into the *Parmeſan*, and to deſire he would take the ſaid Duke and his Territories into his Protection. Cardinal *Fourbin* had Audience the 16th, and gave the Pope an Account, that the *French* King had again received Cardinal *de Bouillon* into his Favour, and had given him leave to come to the *French* Court. Cardinal *Giudice* prepares for his departure to *Sicily*, to take upon him the Government of that Iſland, till another Vice-Roy be appointed in the room of the Duke of *Eſcalona*.

Warſaw, Dec. 31. The General Diet of this Kingdom have, after ſeveral Meetings, reſolved to deſire the King of *Poland* to employ his Authority to reconcile the Differences between the Houſe of *Sapieha* and the Confederated Nobility of *Lithuania*; But they are not yet come to any Reſolution about the ſending of Ambaſſadors to the King of *Sweden*: In the mean time an Account is come, that the King of *Sweden* has totally routed *Oginsky*'s Party, ſo that it will be very difficult for them to rally again, and that the *Swediſh* Army advances this way, which News occaſions the greater Concern here, becauſe we have not a ſufficient number of Troops to oppoſe them.

Vienna, January 4. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, and ſeveral other of the Emperor's General Officers, are ſhortly expected here to concert Matters in relation to the next Campagne. Recruits are raiſing in this Country for the Emperor's Army in *Italy*, and 'tis ſaid ſeveral new Regiments will be raiſed againſt the Spring, and that more Auxiliary Forces will be taken into the Emperor's Service. A great number of *French* and *Spaniſh* Priſoners taken in *Italy* the laſt Summer are brought hither; ſome of the latter have liſted themſelves in the Emperor's Service, and ths reſt will be ſent to *Hungary*, to be employed in repairing the Fortifications of ſeveral Places in that Country.

Francfort, January 11. The building of the new Lines for the Defence of the Palatinate is interrupted by the bad Weather. The Elector Palatine's Forces employed in covering theſe Works expect a Reinforcement from the *Lower Rhine*, and theſe Troops are deſigned to join the Imperial Army on the *Rhine* the next Summer, which will be Commanded by the King of the *Romans* as Generaliſſimo, and under him by Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*. The Elector Palatine intends ſhortly to remove with his Court from *Duſſeldorp* to *Heydelberg* or to *Newburgh*.

Cologne, January 13. The Biſhop of *Raab* went from hence two days ago to *Duſſeldorp* to confer with the Elector Palatine, who intends to remove with his Court to *Heydelberg*, and to make the ſaid Biſhop Governor of the Dutchies of *Berg* and *Juliers* during his Abſence. The Biſhop in his way had a Conference at *Mulheim* with General *Dopff*, Commander in Chief of the *Dutch* Forces in theſe Parts, who is ſince gone to *Siegbourg*, to give Directions about fortifying that Town. Deputies are come hither from the Directors of the Circle of *Weſtphalia*, to conſult togerher about making a further Proviſion for the Security of this City. A Battalion of Foot of the Forces of the ſaid Circle arrived here this week, and Directions are given for raiſing another to reinforce our Garriſon. The *French* have put ſeveral pieces of Cannon, and ſome Ammunition, into *Keyſerſwaert*. They have likewiſe brought a good quantity of Ammunition and other Stores from *Metz* to *Bon*, which came by water near to *Coblentz*, and being refuſed Paſſage by that Place, were carried by land to *Audernach*, and they were again put into Boats, and ſo brought down the *Rhine* under a Guard of 3 or 400 *French* Soldiers; Part of the Palatine Regiment of Foot of *Aubach*, lying at *Hamerſtein*, made a Diſcharge upon theſe Boats, and killed and wounded 6 or 7 *French* Soldiers, but could not ſtop them. Theſe Boats being come to *Bon*, and unladen, the *French* Soldiers which convoyed them made ſome difficulty of retiring out of that Place, and the Elector of *Cologne* was forced to make uſe of all his Authority to oblige them to it; 'Tis ſaid, he begins to be very uneaſy at the little Regard the *French* have for him, who diſpoſe of ſeveral Matters in his Territories without his knowledge, and that he has ſent an Expreſs about it to his Brother the Elector of *Bavaria*.

Hamburgh, Jan. 13. After ſeveral uncertain Reports, the Letters come in this day from *Courland* tell us, the King of *Sweden* had again defeated *Oginsky*'s Party in *Lithuania*; That a great number of the latter were killed, and *Oginsky* himſelf was ſo cloſely purſued, that he was forced to quit his Horſe, and betake himſelf to a Wood, and afterwards eſcaped with much difficulty to *Cauen*. Some Advices add, that the King of *Sweden* had cauſed a Placart to be publiſhed, forbidding the *Lithuanians* to give any

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